

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 2, 5 - 7, 12, 13 and 15 - 20 be reconsidered for allowance in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

Page 16 and the "Assignment" thereon is cancelled.

Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 7, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rowa et al.

Claims 4, 8 - 11 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claims 1, 4, 8 - 11 and 14 have been cancelled, new claims 15 - 20 have been added, and claims 2, 5 - 7, 12 and 13 have been amended to depend from new claim 15. The spelling of "absorbing" has been corrected throughout.

New claims 15 - 20 should be allowed because they are essentially claims 4, 8 - 11 and 14, respectively, in independent form.

Amended claims 2, 5 - 7, 12 and 13 should be allowed because they now depend from allowable new claim 15.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

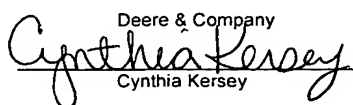
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